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and
Scientific Committee on Infection Control**

**Consensus on the Use of Surgical Mask by the General Public
in Public Places**

A joint meeting of the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases and the Scientific Committee on Infection Control under the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health was convened on February 28, 2020. In this meeting, members have reached consensus on the use of surgical mask by the general public in public places:

- Surgical mask can prevent transmission of respiratory viruses from ill persons. It is essential for persons who are symptomatic (even if having mild symptoms) to wear a surgical mask.
- The general public is advised to wear a surgical mask when taking public transport or staying in crowded places.
- It is important to wear a mask properly, including hand hygiene before wearing and after removing a mask.

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